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## A NEW POINT

Senator Dietrich Was Not a Senator.

When the "Trades" Were Made and Was Today Acquitted—Activity in Colombia.

TRAGEDY ON REELFOOT LAKE

### DIETRICH ACQUITTED.

Omaha, Jan. 8.—The trial of United States Senator Dietrich in the federal circuit court on an indictment alleging bribery in connection with the appointment of a postmaster at Hastings Neb., progressed rapidly until a point was reached where the first witness for the government was placed on the stand. Then General Dietrich Oewin, chief counsel for Senator Dietrich, interposed a demurrer on the ground that Mr. Dietrich had not taken the oath and was not, therefore, a United States senator when the alleged bribery occurred.

This question was acknowledged by counsel for both sides to be a new one, and each prepared argument on the subject. The court today sustained the point and the senator was acquitted on peremptory instructions.

The point was a significant one, and raised the question of whether a member of congress is amenable to the United States government as a member of congress between the time of his election and the date of his qualification as a member to the house for which he is elected.

### MILITARY ACTIVITY.

Colon, Jan. 8.—The royal mail steamer Artato, which arrived here from Savannah and Cartagena, reports that there is great military activity in both these towns, and that large numbers of troops are being concentrated in Cartagena. Many of these troops arrived from the interior during the past fortnight.

It is learned by the Associated Press correspondent from a reliable source that the Colombian troops at Cartagena now number at least 2,000.

The Colombian cruiser General Pinzon and the steam tug Nellie Kuto convey troops to Titumani as they come in from the interior. Most of these are volunteers without uniforms, though they have doubtless seen active service in the late revolution.

### KILLING ON REELFOOT.

Troy, Tenn., Jan. 8.—Meager information has just been received here of a fatal duel at Idlewild, on Reelfoot Lake, at the home of a Mr. Thurman, where a dance was being held. Considerable drinking was being indulged in and in an altercation Joe Gore stabbed Wm. Leonard twice, whereupon Leonard drew his gun, firing at Gore twice, killing him almost instantly. Gore was always considered a peaceable man. He leaves a wife. Leonard is a single man and is still at large.

### GEN. GORDON ILL.

Miami, Fla., Jan. 8.—General John B. Gordon is dangerously ill at his home, Biscayne, seven miles north of this city. The attack is similar to one that he suffered from some time ago on a railroad train in Mississippi. It is inflammation of the stomach, caused by an acute attack of indigestion, to which he is subject.

### KILLED BY CAVE-IN.

Middlesboro, Ky., Jan. 8.—Abner Roberts and James Turner, miners, were killed by a cave-in at the Kropt mines here.

At Ferndale near here, Henry Wells, a miner, was killed by falling slate.

### MARRIAGE LICENSE.

Will Miller, Jr., of the city, age 26 to Mary Rudd, of the city, age 27. First marriage of the groom and second of the bride.

Seminole Indians will ask for more land and permission to use money for improvement of farms.

## ANY OLD THING

Is Being Received As News Today.

One Late Report Is That Russia Backs Down and Peace Is Certain.

ALSO THAT WAR IS SURE

London, Jan. 8.—It is rumored that Russia has conceded two-thirds of Japan's demands and peace will soon be declared.

London, Jan. 8.—Russia's note seems to point direct to war. Japan finds in the czar's reply no hope of peace as the demands far outweigh the minor concessions that are made the Mikado. The Japanese have lost patience and clamor for war. Rival squadrons pursuing coal laden ships in the Yellow Sea, may clash and thus precipitate the conflict that now seems to be unavoidable.

London, Jan. 8.—Baron Hayaashi, Japanese minister at London, today confirmed report that Russia's reply to Japan's demands had been received at Tokio but would disclose no details.

London, Jan. 8.—There is every indication that the relations between Russia and Japan will be broken off before the day is over.

New York, Jan. 8.—It is reported a naval battle has taken place in the Far East, but it lacks confirmation.

London, Jan. 8.—The Daily Mail's Tokio correspondent says: "Governor Taft had a secret conference with Marquis Ito, the United States consul at Yokohama. I understand that Governor Taft assured the Marquis that the United States would observe a friendly neutrality towards Japan in the event of war, and that if necessary, it would grant the use of American ports in the Far East to the Japanese fleet."

## AT THE CITY HALL

Hotel Negroes Have a Falling Out and One Shoots.

Misses His Victim and Was Locked Up for Trial Tomorrow.

SPURIOUS NICKLES AFLOAT

Frank Lyons and Oscar Hoffman, colored employees at the New Richmond Hotel, had a fight at the hotel this morning shortly before noon and Lyons shot at the other but proved a bad marksman, as he missed.

He was arrested and will be given a hearing in the police court tomorrow.

The police report that there are a great many lead nickles in circulation in Paducah at present. It is not known where they came from, but those who collect small amounts about the city often find when they turn in their collections that they have from one to half a dozen lead five cent pieces.

Thieves were frightened away from the residence of Dr. A. J. Weldon, on West Broadway, last night. They were attempting to get in a rear window when detected.

Mrs. Morton K. Yonts and little daughter, Elizabeth, returned this morning from Greenup, Ky., where they spent the holidays with Judge and Mrs. Thomas Paynter. Mrs. Yonts' mother and father. Mr. Yonts joined them in Louisville and accompanied them home.

## TROOPS MOVING

Japanese Squadron to Stop Russian Coal Fleet.

Troops Reported Moving in Both Directions on the Railroads at Present.

SLIGHT HOPE OF PEACE

Port Arthur, via Che Foo, Jan. 8.—Several warships left here for the purpose of intercepting a Japanese squadron of four ironclads, which it is understood, is now approaching Korea for the purpose of stopping six Japanese coal laden ships from Japan destined for Port Arthur and canceling their charter to a Russian firm here.

Lake Baikal is frozen. There is a normal movement of troops in both directions on the railways.

The Port Arthur defenses are complete and the authorities are confident.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 8.—The war ministry has received a dispatch from Tokio saying that Baron De Rosen, the Russian minister, presented Russia's reply to the Japanese cabinet yesterday.

Yesterday the Russian officials were invisible, owing to it being the Russian Christmas holiday. The situation appears to be unchanged. Diplomats today reiterated that war with Japan was not likely. The people generally are absolutely apathetic, the merchants alone showing uneasiness. All classes of the unofficial world would welcome any peaceful solution. The crisis occasions remarkably little comment among the general public.

The announcement of the departure of M. Bezobrazoff, who has been classed as the power behind the scenes in the Russo-Japanese negotiations, for Switzerland may be construed as an indication that the influence of the Russian war party is waning. This view is strengthened by the failure to hold any meeting of the committee on the far East. Such a meeting is considered unlikely while the question of war or peace is in the balance. It is recalled that a similar committee caused great confusion during the Russo-Turkish war.

### SLIGHT HOPE FOR PEACE.

Paris, Jan. 8.—Official and diplomatic circles here claim to be without information regarding the contents of the Russian reply to Japan, but the tone is distinctly pessimistic and there are but slight hopes of a peaceful exit from the position in which Russia and Japan find themselves.

The diplomats are making inquiries as to the attitude of the powers in case of war, that to be adopted by the United States being regarded as particularly important. To a representative of the Associated Press the Japanese minister said:

"The attitude of the United States will mean much. She had negotiated a treaty with China for the opening of three ports in Manchuria to the commerce of the world. These ports have been occupied by Russia and thus her treaty rights have been violated."

"Japan is not guided by selfish motives, but is acting in the interest of all nations. I hope the United States will clearly understand our position and will favor us with their support."

The correspondent asked the minister if he had lost all hope of peace.

"I never lose that hope," he replied.

### LOSS CAUSES ASSIGNMENT.

Jackson, Tenn., Jan. 8.—L. T. Henry, a prominent merchant of Luray, while in the city last week lost his wallet containing \$50. He was never able to recover it, and on yesterday he was compelled to make an assignment on account of his loss.

### DYERSBURG ELECTION.

Dyersburg, Tenn., Jan. 8.—The election for mayor and aldermen took place yesterday. Mayor W. A. Fowlkes, Jr., and his tickets were elected without opposition.

## READY TO SHOOT

Detectives on Guard to Prevent Rescue of Chicago Bandits.

The Nine Negroes Charged With Pembroke Murder to Have Separate Trials.

COMMISSION ORGANIZES.

### GRAVES CASE AFFIRMED.

Frankfort, Jan. 8.—The judgment of the Graves circuit court in the case of the Pennsylvania Fire Insurance company against C. D. Young was affirmed. Young's judgment was for \$800.

### WILL HAVE SEPARATE TRIALS.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Jan. 8.—The nine negroes charged with the Pembroke murder, today demanded separate trials, which will be granted. They are charged with butchering an unknown man.

### THE ELECTION COMMISSION.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 8.—The election commission organized today by the election of T. O. Poyntz, of Maysville, secretary to succeed Guy H. Briggs, of Frankfort.

### WILL SHOOT TO KILL.

Chicago, Jan. 8.—With instructions to "shoot to kill," four crack shots of the police department are on guard in the criminal court building to prevent any attempt to rescue the street car bandits now on trial.

## PLAYS AN ACE CARD

COLOMBIA APPEALS TO A FRENCH TRIBUNAL.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Notice of an important step taken by an agent of the Colombian government in Paris was received at the Colombian legation here today in a dispatch to Dr. Herman, the charge d'affaires. It was to the effect that a French tribunal had been appealed to with a view of preventing the transfer of the Panama Canal company's rights on the isthmus to the American government without the consent of Colombia. Counsel for the Colombian government according to the dispatch, assured the agent he thought there was good ground for believing the effort to prevent the transfer would be successful.

The step taken, it is understood, is with the full cognizance of the Colombian authorities, and was instituted by an agent of the government, who left this country after consultations with General Reyes and Dr. Herran. The end sought to be attained is to frustrate the sale of the concessions, franchises and property of the canal company to the United States, preparations for which already have been under way, the amount to be paid by this government being \$40,000,000. Colombia asserts that the company cannot lawfully dispose of its rights without her explicit consent. Such consent was expressly given in the Hay-Herran treaty which failed of ratification by the Colombian congress. The action of the Colombian authorities caused considerable surprise here when it became generally known.

Mrs. Eliza Pierce Kinkead, widow of the late George Blackburn Kinkead is dead in Lexington.

### THE MARKETS.

WHEAT			
May	82 1/2	86 1/2	87 1/2
July	82 1/2	84 1/2	86 1/2
CORN			
May	47 1/2	48 1/2	47 1/2
July	47 1/2	48 1/2	47 1/2
OATS			
May	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2
July	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2
COTTON			
Jan.	13 03	12 90	13 02
Mar.	13 31	13 20	13 30
May	13 58	13 39	13 58
July	13 57	13 40	13 56
Aug.	13 04	12 99	13 10
STOCKS			
L. C.	129 1/2	129 1/2	130
L. & N.	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
M. & P.	92	91 1/2	92
U. S.	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
U. S. F.	104	104	104

## COME TO KENTUCKY

Packing Companies Find Law is More Favorable.

The Omaha Packing Company Incorporated at Louisville and the Hammond Here.

NAMES OF STOCKHOLDERS

The Omaha Packing company was incorporated yesterday in Louisville by R. W. Bingham, the attorney. The company, which does a large packing business in Chicago, is made a Kentucky corporation in order to have advantage of the laws of the state, which are more favorable to the enterprises incorporated under their provisions than to those of other states doing business in Kentucky. The charter gives the company the right to buy and sell packing house products and provisions in Kentucky and to slaughter sheep, hogs and cattle. The capital stock is \$10,000, which is owned by Chicago capitalists, except three shares, which were purchased by Mr. Bingham to secure eligibility as a director in the company.

Mr. Bingham said last night that the rights of the company at present would be exercised only in the distribution of the products which were manufactured in Chicago. The right to run a packing house probably will be taken advantage of in the future, should the demands for the company's products in this section be sufficient to justify the outlay required to equip the plant. Mr. Bingham said that the company would not go into that line of the business in Kentucky just at this time, and that he was not familiar enough with the future plans to say what would be done later, though he regarded the establishment of a packing house as probable.

Identical interests yesterday incorporated also the Hammond Packing company in Paducah. The capital stock and the directors of that company are the same as the Omaha Packing company, which was incorporated here. Mr. Bingham holds three shares of the Hammond company stock, and is the only Kentuckian interested in the latter. The Hammond Packing company is a large Chicago company, which also seeks the favorable provisions of the Kentucky laws for the distribution of its products. The two companies will go in for a larger business in the State than they sought when they worked under interstate laws.

## A SUIT IS FILED

David Cummins Asks \$5,000 of the Kettlers and Others.

Claims he was Arrested and Humiliated Without Cause by Defendants.

ACQUITTED IN POLICE COURT

David Cummins this morning filed suit in circuit court here against Fred Kettler and others for \$5,000 damages for alleged arrest and false imprisonment.

The suit is the outgrowth of a recent arrest for grand larceny. Cummins boarded at the Kettler boarding house on South Third street two or three weeks ago, and when a toy bank containing about \$60 was missed, he was suspected of stealing it and arrested.

No incriminating evidence was ever secured against him, and he was dismissed in the police court, and now asks for \$5,000 damages.

## NIPS A SPARK

And a Young Man From Hopkinsville Goes to Jail.

Harry Thacker Alleged to Have Snatched Mr. Frank Jones' Diamond.

HE TRIED TO PAWN IT

A young man giving the name of Harry Thacker, who, it is said, was born and raised at Madisonville but is now a resident of Hopkinsville, Ky., was arrested on a serious charge this morning.

Thacker and Mr. Frank Jones, the hardware merchant, were together on West Broadway last night when Thacker is alleged to have grabbed Mr. Jones, thrown him down, and wrenched his \$100 diamond stud off his shirt front.

Mr. Jones immediately went to the police station and informed Chief James Collins of the holdup and gave a description of the young man. Officers Senser and Dugan were given the case and immediately began investigating. The robbery occurred early in the night and about ten o'clock. Thacker went to I. Cohen's pawn shop and attempted to pawn a diamond. This gave the officers a clue and this morning they succeeded in effecting Thacker's arrest.

A thorough search of the young man's clothes was made at the city hall this morning and even his shoes were taken off, but the diamond was not revealed.

Only the diamond was taken, the screw part of the stud having been broken off and left in the shirt front.

Thacker was warranted and failed to give bond this morning, and in default was placed in jail. He was surprised when the warrant was read but made no attempt to explain and went quietly to jail. He is said to come from good people and while talking this morning stated his only friend was Governor Beckham. He was still drinking this morning and hardly responsible for what he said.

The prisoner claimed to be related to Supt. Fenwick, of the steam heating plant, but Mr. Fenwick, upon looking at him, stated that so far as he knew he never saw the man before.

## FIVE INITIATED

BIG MEETING OF THE ELKS HELD LAST NIGHT.

There was an unusually large meeting of the Elks held last night, and five candidates were initiated. They were: Rector John W. Sykes, Grace Episcopal church and Messrs. George B. Wearen, Simon Hecht, J. J. Freulich and Melvin Wallerstein.

Mr. Clay Clement, the actor, was an interesting spectator. Mr. Clement is a member of Grand Rapids, Mich., lodge and although he has been a member for of the Elks for twelve years, last night was the first time he ever saw an initiation, as his profession keeps him continually on the move and he never had an opportunity before. Mr. Clement also made a speech, and a good one. Paducah lodge enjoyed his visit very much.

## JUDGE REED ILL

AND CIRCUIT COURT HAD TO BE ADJOURNED FOR THE DAY.

Circuit Judge W. M. Reed became ill this morning during the session of circuit court and had to adjourn court for the day. Nothing was done except to call some cases and hear a few motions.

Next week the petit jury will be impaneled and the big cases taken up.

The Kentucky general assembly will in all probability decide not to take the proposed trip to the St. Louis world's fair.